"REVELATION"

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Lila est très douée pour les mensonges. Ce talent maléfique lui a permis de se faire aimer de tout le monde, et même de se faire engager par Gabriel Agreste. Mais le rapprochement entre Marinette et Adrien pousse le père de ce dernier à faire de Kagami sa nouvelle égérie, ce qui rend Lila furieuse. Elle profite d'un incident en classe pour provoquer de nouvelles élections afin de remplacer Marinette en tant que déléguée de classe. Mais la campagne tourne mal et offre une belle opportunité à Monarque. Mais avec Lila il faut toujours se méfier des apparences, elles sont souvent trompeuses…

Lila is an accomplished liar. This evil talent has allowed her to be loved by all, and even to be hired by Gabriel Agreste. But Marinette and Adrien's growing closer pushes the boy's father to name Kagami as the new face of his brand, enraging Lila. She uses an incident in class to call for new elections in order to replace Marinette as class representative . But the campaign goes wrong , much to Monarch's delight. Thread lightly, for with Lila, things are more than often not what they seem…

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1 **INT. LILA'S ROOM - DAY**

Using her Alliance ring, Lila is having an **audio** conversation with a woman (MOTHER).

1 LILA
Sorry, Mother, I can't put you on video. We're in the savanna. The connection's just too unstable. I gotta go, I have to free a baby rhino from a poacher's snare. I'll call you back tonight at 7pm, Paris time. Love you.

2 MOTHER (V.O.)
You're so wonderful, sweetie. Love you too.

3 Lila hangs up. Another woman steps into her room (MOM). She is deaf and uses sign language to talk to Lila. She signs: *Who were you talking to, my angel?*

Lila speaks and signs to answer her.

3 LILA
Oh, I was talking to my agent, Mom. I was telling him I'm going to miss you while we're shooting the movie in Mexico.

They hug. The Mom signs: *Oh, you're already going back so faraway when we've just been reunited. This is going to be hard!*

And Lila answers, signing too.

4 LILA (CONT'D)
Yes, I know we've just been reunited, Mom, but I'll be back soon!

Lila's Alliance goes off, displaying an avatar of herself.

5 AVATAR LILA
Lila, painting class starts in 15 minutes.

2 **EXT. PARIS - STREETS - DAY**

On the way to school where Sabine gives her painting classes, Lila proudly sees a lot of people using her avatar. As she gets to the bus stop where a woman is already waiting:

6 WOMAN 1
Please, Alliance, when will the next bus be here?

7 AVATAR LILA
3 minutes.

Lila manages to attract her attention without looking like she’s trying to.

8 LILA
Phew, I won't miss my flight to New York!

The woman lights up.

9 WOMAN 1
Oh, it's you! The real Alliance! Can we take a selfie?

10 LILA
Of course!

As they take the selfie, the bus gets here and pulls up.

3 **INT. BUS - DAY**

The driver is using his Alliance.

11 DRIVER
Please, Alliance, show me the road construction ahead.

12 AVATAR LILA
Construction reported in 800 meters on Rue du Quai.

Lila gets on the bus and arranges to get the bus driver's attention as well. She feels her pockets.

13 LILA
Oh! Where has my brain gone?? I forgot my wallet!

14 DRIVER
Oh, Alliance! In person! Come on, get on! Today you ride for free!

CUT TO Lila, sitting on the bus, surrounded by passengers taking pictures of her with their Alliance or selfies with her.

15 LILA
Of course, being coached by an Olympic gold medalist would have been awesome, but I had to turn it down. Pro tennis wouldn't have left enough time for my charity work.

4 **EXT. SCHOOL - DAY**

The bus drives away. Lila heads towards the school. On the ground, she notices a one euro coin. She picks it up, delighted, and puts it away... in her wallet!

16 LILA
There are days like this, when everything just goes so well!

5 **INT. SCHOOL / ARTS ROOM - DAY**

Painting class. Sabine comes and admires Lila's work.

17 SABINE
It's wonderful how fast you adapt, Lila. You've only been here for a few weeks but it's like you've always been part of the class!

18 LILA
The credit goes to you, Sabine. It's such a shame that your daughter Marinette won't bother to take advantage of all that you have to teach!

Sabine smiles bitterly. Clearly, Lila's hit a nerve.

19 SABINE
Marinette already has so much on her plate...

Just then, everybody gets an update notification for their Alliance at the same time. *(Depending on everyone's choice of avatar, either Lila or Adrien pops up.)*

20 AVATAR LILA - AVATAR ADRIEN
Warning: your Alliance will restart to install an update. This will only take a moment.

The Alliances turn off and on again. The Lila and Adrien avatars have now been replaced on every single ring by a single avatar of Kagami and Adrien holding hands.

21 AVATAR KAGAMI / AVATAR ADRIEN
Update complete. Welcome!

22 AVATAR KAGAMI
We are Kagami and Adrien.

23 AVATAR ADRIEN
From now on we will be the ones making your daily life easier.

24 AVATAR KAGAMI / AVATAR ADRIEN
Because together, we're always stronger!

Everyone turns to cast a slightly embarrassed look at Lila. Furious inside, Lila hides her emotions behind a fake smile.

25 LILA
O, right, the update... I actually wanted to tell you today! Taking this class has been an eye opener for me. I'm tired of the fame and all my superficial connections to people and the world! So I suggested this avatar change. This way, I will be able to fully dedicate myself to my passion for painting, among REAL friends!

She hugs Sabine.

26 LILA (CONT'D)
Thank you Sabine! You're like a mother to me.

Sabine is moved. The other students in the class too, so much so that they start clapping.

6 **INT. GABRIEL'S STUDY / EXT. MANSION ENTRANCE - DAY**

Gabriel is working at his desk. A burst of pain in his arm makes him wince. He takes off his glove. The dark mark of the Cataclysm is gaining on his fingers. Nathalie enters.

27 NATHALIE
There's someone for you at the gate.

CUT - Lila is outside the gate of Gabriel's mansion. *(He hasn't let her in – their conversation occurs via their screens.)*

28 LILA
You could have warned me! I don't believe this replacement was in our agreement. As the face of the Gabriel brand --

Back to Gabriel at his desk.

29 GABRIEL
You were only the face of my brand in exchange for a mission: to monitor my son's relationships and keep him away from bad company. You failed.
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GABRIEL (CONT'D)
My son got close to this Marinette Dupain Cheng, who has been nothing but a terrible influence on him. But you did give me one excellent idea: to create a new, media-friendly pairing for my son. Which is why Kagami Tsurugi will be the new female face of the Gabriel brand.

Thanks to his Alliance ring, he pulls up holograms of his upcoming line of products: Perfection, with Kagami and Adrien.

30 GABRIEL (CONT'D)
Perfection itself! All that remains to do is to perpetuate this facade until it becomes truth in everybody's eyes. Absolutely everyone. And until jealousy eats away at Marinette Dupain-Cheng...

31 LILA (ON SCREEN)
But... What's to become of me?

32 GABRIEL
You'll just remain what you are. Nothing.

Gabriel cuts off the communication.

INSERT - A hateful look in Lila's eyes as she stands there on the sidewalk outside the mansion.

Back to Gabriel, smelling the air as if Lila's emotion were a perfume.

33 GABRIEL (CONT'D)
Such intense hate... It's tempting! But entrusting a power to someone who hates me so much wouldn't be a good idea.

CUT - Lila walks away, still filled with hate.

34 LILA
You won't get rid of me that easily... Monarch!

7 **INT. SCHOOL / SCHOOLYARD - DAY**

Marinette and Adrien arrive at school. As they walk across the schoolyard hand in hand, they see the students react positively to the Adrien and Kagami avatar.

35 STUDENTS (AD LIB)
Woaaah! / So cool! / These two are so cute!
(MORE)

STUDENTS (AD LIB) (CONT'D)
/ They look so great together! /
Did you see that? You can put them in matching outfits! / I ship them so much, I gotta write a fanfic about them!

A surprised Marinette turns to Adrien.

36 MARINETTE
Did you know about that update?

Adrien is perplexed.

37 ADRIEN
No.

Conversely, Marinette and Adrien's classmates are shocked.

38 ROSE
But, Adrien... Doesn't your father know that you and Kagami broke up? And that now, you're about to live the most romantic love story ever with Marinette?

39 ADRIEN
Yes. He knows.

40 ROSE
But then, what he's doing — presenting these avatars as a couple... is a lie?!

41 ADRIEN
It doesn't matter. These avatars are just images, Rose. They're not really us.

42 MARINETTE
His father can always try to force his truth on us... but we know ours. And so does Kagami.

The bell rings: time to head back to class. Marinette and Adrien smile at each other fondly and walk towards their classroom, hand in hand.

Hidden in a corner, Lila has overheard the whole conversation.

8 **INT. SCHOOL / CLASSROOM - DAY**

Miss Bustier is handing papers back to the students.

43 MISS BUSTIER
Excellent work, Mylene...

She stops next to Chloe and Sabrina.

44 MISS BUSTIER (CONT'D)
Now, however, these two papers I had a small issue with... as they both bear Sabrina's name.

A fuming Chloe glowers at Sabrina, who curls up in fear.

45 SABRINA
I'm sorry, Chloe! It's just that I haven't slept for several nights preparing all your cheat sheets for the end-of-the-year exams!

Miss Bustier is stunned.

46 MISS BUSTIER
Sabrina, are you saying that you did Chloe's homework?

Sabrina looks down, ashamed to have been caught cheating by Miss Bustier.

47 CHLOE
You don't seriously expect me to do my homework myself?!

48 BUSTIER
But... your handwriting is on this paper!

49 CHLOE
Of course! If she didn't imitate my handwriting you'd know that I didn't write it!

50 MISS BUSTIER
How long has this been going on?

51 CHLOE
Oh, since we learned to write — I mean, since Sabrina did!

Miss Bustier gapes at her for a beat. Then she makes a decision.

52 MISS BUSTIER
Alright... Sabrina, I'm going to give you your real grade. Just don't do it again. You mustn't exhaust yourself in Chloe's service. You need your energy for yourself too. As for you, Chloe, it's been so long since you've done any original work that you must have fallen way behind. You're going to need a lot of help!

Marinette stands up, scandalized, but trying to make Miss Bustier, whom she respects very much, see reason.

53 MARINETTE
But... that's unfair Miss Bustier! Everybody knows that Chloe's been cheating, taking advantage of * Sabrina and not making any effort compared to the others... for years! And the only consequence is that she is going to get help?

INSERT - On Lila, listening attentively to what Marinette is saying, like a bird of prey waiting for the right moment to pounce.

54 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
Of course we need to support students who have problems. But not when THEY'RE the problem!

But for Miss Bustier, it's a matter of principle:

55 MISS BUSTIER
At school, Chloe is like anyone else, Marinette. Her falling behind will be punishment enough.

Chloe reacts in disgust.

56 CHLOE
Wow wow wow, first of all, I am NOT "like anyone else"! I am RICH. Which means I don't need to learn because I'll never have to work. So you can just keep your "support" and your "falling behind", thank you!

Miss Bustier is flabbergasted by Chloe's arrogance, even though she should be used to it by now.

57 MARINETTE (TO MISS BUSTIER)
There! You see? You're too nice to her!

That's when Lila chooses to step in. She stands up.

58 LILA
Oh, Chloe! You're having problems at school and you haven't told me – your friend – about it?

59 CHLOE
Pff, school is pointless! It’s just a daycare center so that parents of “anyone elses” can go to work!

Lila grimaces surreptitiously, annoyed by Chloe's arrogance, which could ruin her plan. She discreetly writes a text message under her desk with one hand.

60 LILA
Marinette, as class representative, I guess you've already discussed Chloe's difficulties with the teachers, haven't you?

Marinette is taken aback.

61 MARINETTE
Huh? Why would I have? She doesn't have difficulties! Only privileges! And if you need proof, just see how the teachers will let her get away with anything!

ON Miss Bustier: Marinette's words set her thinking. *

62 CHLOE
As they should! Otherwise my father, the mayor of Paris, would kick them out of the school system for good!

Chloe gets a text from Lila and reads it under her desk:

63 CHLOE (CONT'D)
(whispering, to herself)
"Let me handle it. I've got this."?!

Lila starts speaking again, in a falsely compassionate tone.

64 LILA
Oh, Marinette, I understand why you're being defensive. Because of your wonderful new romance with Adrien, you no longer have time for your duties as class representative, and that makes you feel bad.

She pretends to be struck by an idea.

65 LILA (CONT'D)
Oh! If you want, I could replace you! This way, you'll be able to think exclusively about yourself without feeling guilty for betraying the trust of those who elected you!

66 MARINETTE
Huh? What? That's out of the question!

Lila tells everyone:

67 LILA
It so happens that I just quit as the face of the Gabriel brand in order to have more time for my friends. If everyone agrees, I'm willing to give the attention that's obviously lacking to Chloe's and anyone else's issues!

Marinette looks exasperated.

68 MARINETTE
If you wanted to be class rep, you should have run in the election!

Lila pretends to be surprised.

69 LILA
Oh, that’s right, I wasn't here on that day. When you think about it, it wasn't exactly democratic to hold the elections in my absence. What do you think, Miss Bustier?

Miss Bustier is a little confused and doesn't answer right away.

70 MISS BUSTIER
Uh... Sorry, I was lost in thought. Despite her haughty behavior, I always thought Chloe was a gifted student. So this new discovery today has taken me by surprise. I'll think about your proposal during lunch break, Lila.

9 **INT. SCHOOL / CAFETERIA - DAY**

Marinette, ready to go to battle, sits down at a table with Adrien, Alya and Nino.

71 MARINETTE
It's Lila. No matter what she's doing, she's always up to something! *

Alya sighs.

72 ALYA
Marinette, you know we're always ready to believe you, but every time you've accused Lila of something, there's been no evidence, and, at worst, it was just a misunderstanding.
(MORE)

ALYA (CONT'D)
You've disliked her from day one because you thought she was after Adrien - fine. But it's over now! You know Adrien only has eyes for you; you don't need to be jealous anymore!

Adrien defends Marinette.

73 ADRIEN
I'm sorry, I should have said something sooner, but Marinette is right. Lila is a pathological liar, and a very talented one at that. She always manages to lie her way out of trouble.

Alya and Nino are moved.

74 NINO
Aaaaw, look how he'd say anything for his sweetheart! They sound like a real little couple now. *

75 ALYA
That's super sweet of you, Adrien, but you don't have to defend Marinette, you know.

Adrien is unsettled to see that his friends don't believe him. Marinette squeezes his hand under the table and whispers to him:

76 MARINETTE
You were right. We can't talk about it openly. Lila is too good a liar. They'll never believe us.

Marinette carries on, taking care to avoid mentioning the Lila problem head on.

77 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
You have to admit that holding new class rep elections at the end of the school year makes no sense!

78 ALYA
Bah! Then it'd be no big deal to let Lila try and see if she can get somewhere with Chloe.

79 MARINETTE
Get somewhere?! With Chloe?! *

80 ALYA
Alright, fine, I'll admit that there's very little chance that Chloe will ever change.
(MORE)

ALYA (CONT'D)
But if Lila can rid the world of such a huge dose of walking wickedness, it’s worth a try, right?

Marinette can’t take it anymore; she stands up with her tray, rolling her eyes. Alya follows her. Once away, as they empty their tray, Alya whispers to Marinette: *

83 ALYA (CONT'D)
You know, even Ladybug accepts help from Scarabella every once in a while.

84 MARINETTE
With one small difference. I trust you entirely. I don't trust Lila at all.

85 ALYA
Marinette, Lila seems like a nice girl. Maybe you should give her a chance to prove it to you.

Further away, sitting at another table, Lila is having lunch with Chloe and Sabrina.

86 LILA
Don't you want to exterminate Marinette for good, like the vermin that she is? And make her lose everything?

87 CHLOE
Of course I do!

88 LILA
Then no matter what happens, from now on, do as I say. And in the end, your wish will come true.

Sabrina cowers in her seat, frightened by the alliance that is taking shape.

10 **INT. SCHOOL / CLASSROOM - DAY**

Classes resume. Miss Bustier, consumed with guilt, walks right into Lila's trap without realizing it. She announces:

89 MISS BUSTIER
School, in addition to its educational mission, must be a place of equality and justice. If Lila feels cheated for not being able to participate in the last elections, then we would all grow by acceding to her request.
(MORE)

MISS BUSTIER (CONT'D)
Which is why, even though school is nearly over, I propose that we take a new vote. I'm inviting those who wish to run to come to the board.

Marinette is appalled.

Lila steps up to the board, alone.

90 LILA
My dear classmates, I am convinced that even the worst person can change if you reach out to them. And to prove it to you...

She holds her hand out to Chloe.

91 LILA (CONT'D)
Chloe, would you be my deputy?

Chloe gets up and joins Lila. A murmur runs through the classroom.

92 NINO
Wow! Is Chloe actually agreeing to be a mere *deputy*?!

93 ALYA
That is so not Chloe!

94 ROSE
Does this mean it's already working?!

95 MYLENE
Can Lila actually get her to change?

Adrien remains stone-faced. Marinette is seething, doing the best she can to not make a scene.

96 MARINETTE
(to herself)
This is so crazy – it's all lies!

Lila carries on:

97 LILA
Poor Marinette couldn't succeed because she was too busy with her love life as well as being blinded by her disdain for Chloe. But you know *me*. You know all about my humanitarian work. I'm used to going into conflict zones. I can do this. There are two weeks left. What have you got to lose? Help me help Chloe change, vote for me! *

98 MISS BUSTIER
Thank you, Lila.

Lila and Chloe return to their seats. It's Marinette's turn, with Alya at her side.

99 MARINETTE
My dear friends... Of course, you should always do everything in your power to help people. And we all hoped that Chloe would become a better person. Ladybug reached out to her. Miss Bustier reached out to her, so did Adrien, and so did I! You all reached out to her! This proves how big your hearts are. And yet, Chloe remained the same. Why? Because as far as she's concerned, having a big heart is a weakness! Chloe already thinks she's better than all of us!

INSERT on Chloe nodding.

100 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
So, don't be fooled. I for one am done wasting my energy in vain. As class representative, I'd much rather help you all. Because you deserve it a thousand times more.

A long, silent beat in the room. Even Bustier seems destabilized. The teacher is about to start the vote.

101 MISS BUSTIER
Alright, everybody, write down the name of the person you want to vote for on a piece of paper, and...

But Lila suddenly gets up, with tears in her eyes.

102 LILA
I'm sorry. I'm going to withdraw my candidacy. Marinette convinced me. She's right to call me an idiot and to say that what I'm trying to do is pointless..

An outraged Marinette wants to stand up and speak up...

103 MARINETTE
I didn't call her an id...

...but she stops and contains herself.

104 LILA
It's just that... I'm having a really bad day.
(MORE)

LILA (CONT'D)
The truth is, I didn’t quit. Gabriel Agreste fired me. I loved helping people so much, being their personal assistant on their Alliances, and now I feel completely useless... So, when I saw Chloe, I was convinced that this could be a new way for me to make myself useful... To feel like I, too, might belong somewhere.

Lila casts a falsely compassionate glance at Marinette, as if she were forgiving her for a mistake..

105 LILA (CONT'D)
... Even though wherever I go, there's always someone rejecting me...

She looks down.

106 LILA (CONT'D)
But if Marinette is right and there's no more hope for Chloe... Then there's no more hope for me either...

She steps out crying. Everyone is feeling down now.

Alya leans towards Marinette.

107 ALYA
I think you went a bit too far. You shouldn't have called her an idiot.

108 MARINETTE
I did NOT call her an idiot!!!

109 MISS BUSTIER
Marinette, please go see if she's okay.

Marinette is indignant.

110 MARINETTE
But this is all probably just an act, too!

111 MISS BUSTIER
You are still class representative. And you have to support <u>all</u> the students, even those who are not your friends.

Marinette reluctantly stands up...

11 **INT. SCHOOL / LOCKER ROOM / BATHROOM - DAY**

An surprisingly cold Lila has stopped crying. She hides a cell phone in her locker. Then she locks herself in one of the stalls in the bathroom. There, she closes her eyes and invokes Monarch.

112 LILA
Come on, Monarch, feel my hatred...

12 **INT. MONARCH'S LAIR / BATHROOM - DAY**

The iris opens. Monarch transforms a white butterfly into a Megakuma.

113 MONARCH
Oooh! A hatred such as this have I rarely felt. Far too powerful for me to ignore.

But he pauses when he can feel who it's coming from more precisely.

114 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Lila Rossi?

He tries to get a sharper sense of the feeling.

115 MONARCH (CONT'D)
No, this anger doesn't seem to be directed at me anymore... *

He places his ring stamped with the seal of the Horse against Kaalki's cage.

116 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Kaalki, your power is now mine!

Kaalki's cage transfers the energy of the kwami into the ring, which lights up.

117 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Voyage, my Megakuma, and feed on the power of her despair!

The akuma flies through the portal and nestles inside Lila's Alliance.

118 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Lila Rossi, I am Monarch! Could it be that you need my help again?

Lila rages against Marinette.

119 LILA
Marinette, Marinette, it’s always Marinette! All my failures are linked to her.
(MORE)

LILA (CONT'D)
Gabriel Agreste dismissed me because of her. And it’s the same story at school! All I want now is a chance to get revenge on her!

120 MONARCH
With pleasure. The enemies of my friends are my enemies... HOAXER! You have an innate talent for lying to people. Sure, a few people still escape your power. But thanks to the one I’m about to give you, all your lies, no matter how absurd, will irresistibly be taken as the truth.

Monarch places his ring stamped with the seal of the Fox against Trixx’s cage.

121 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Trixx, your power is now mine!

Trixx's cage transfers the energy of the kwami into the ring, which lights up. Monarch presses the seal.

122 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Transfer!

Inside Lila's Alliance ring, an electronic component lights up in the color of the Miraculous of the Fox.

123 MONARCH (CONT'D)
And because a fake picture is worth a thousand lies, I am transferring to you the essence of the Miraculous of Illusion. It will give you the power to illustrate your words. Anyone who sees your images will be convinced immediately.

Marinette walks into the bathroom and hears Lila answering Monarch.

124 LILA
I will use my powers to make Marinette Dupain Cheng's life a nightmare! Trust me, Monarch!

Lila transforms into HOAXER, an upgraded version of Volpina.

INSERT - As a precaution, Monarch removes his Alliance ring and places it in a safe, so that Hoaxer can't turn against him.

Hoaxer comes out of her stall. She faces Marinette.

125 HOAXER
Don't worry, Marinette. I'm not going to do anything to you directly. Your friends will take care of it all, once I've revealed to them who you really are!

Hoaxer disintegrates into a cloud of pixels. *Her Power: Hoaxer has dematerialized and is now present in all Alliance rings at the same time. She can rematerialize by coming out of any ring that's turned on. If a person's ring is taken off, they are released from Hoaxer's influence.*

Finally alone, Marinette in turn locks herself in one of the stalls. Tikki comes out of Marinette's little handbag.

126 MARINETTE
We're gonna have to find a solution to this Lila "problem". Tikki, spots on!

Marinette transforms into Ladybug.

13 **INT. SCHOOL / CLASSROOM - DAY**

Everybody's surprised when Hoaxer appears on every Alliance.

127 HOAXER
Update complete. Welcome! I am Hoaxer, your new source of information. *Revelation!* You want to know why Marinette Dupain Cheng is always absent and doesn't fulfill her duties as class representative?

She projects a video of Marinette locking herself in the toilet and opening her jacket slightly. On her chest is the Butterfly brooch. Nooroo comes out of the inside pocket of her jacket.

128 MARINETTE (IN ALLIANCE)
Another perfect opportunity to akumatize that stupid Lila! Nooroo, dark wings rise!

Marinette transforms into... Monarch!

129 HOAXER
Because Monarch... is really her! Save Paris, my followers! Catch Marinette!

The eyes of everyone who saw Hoaxer's illusion on their Alliance take on a strange color, which shows that they are now under the supervillain's spell. *

130 ADRIEN'S CLASSMATES (AD LIB)
Marinette is Monarch! Let's save Paris! Let's find her! Quick!

Adrien, Mylene and Ivan have seen the images too, but since they don't wear Alliances, they escape Hoaxer's influence. *

Mylene and Ivan look at each other: they're not "zombified". Ivan understands. *

130A IVAN *
They all wear Alliance rings - we don't! *

They watch in amazement as their classmates rise to go hunting for Marinette. *

130B MYLENE *
Everyone, don't! It's a trap! *

Adrien stands in the doorway to prevent his friends from getting out.

131 ADRIEN
Wait! That doesn't make any sense! If Marinette were Monarch, she wouldn't have akumatized Lila so she could reveal the truth!

132 ALYA
Exactly! She did it on purpose, so we'd think it's not her!

Adrien is overwhelmed by the crowd of "convinced" students who force their way through.

133 ADRIEN'S CLASSMATES (AD LIB)
Move! Get out of the way! Let us through!

INSERT - A horde of students from all classes pours out into the yard in search of Marinette.

134 CROWD OF STUDENTS (AD LIB)
Let's search everywhere! We have to find Marinette! Hurry! This way! That way!

14 **INT. SCHOOL / BATHROOM - DAY**

Ladybug is about to come out when the students storm the bathroom. She closes the door before being seen.

135 CROWD OF STUDENTS (AD LIB)
Marinette! Catch Marinette! / We have to find her! / You won't get away from us, Marinette!

Ladybug escapes out the window.

15 **INT. SCHOOL / CLASSROOM - DAY**

Mylène and Ivan help Adrien to his feet.

136 ADRIEN
I have to find Marinette before they do!

137 MYLÈNE
We'll help you!

He stops for a beat, but then realizes it would be pointless to try and dissuade them.

138 ADRIEN
Ok!

They step out on the doorstep of the classroom.

139 ADRIEN (CONT'D)
You guys search the nurse's office! I'll check the library!

Mylène and Ivan go in one direction. Adrien, instead of going in the other direction, turns back and locks himself inside the classroom. Finally alone, he gets Plagg out of his shirt.

140 PLAGG
Marinette as Monarch? It'd be like the most delicious tomette turning into disgusting cheese in a can!

141 ADRIEN
It's pointless to try and reason with them... Lila hypnotized them through their Alliances. They'll believe anything! Plagg, claws out!

Adrien transforms into Cat Noir.

16 **EXT. ROOF / NEAR CITY HALL - DAY**

Perched on a rooftop, Ladybug watches helplessly as all the passers-by down in the street look at Lila's message.

142 MARINETTE (IN ALLIANCE)
Another perfect opportunity to akumatize that stupid Lila! Nooroo, dark wings rise!

The passers-by leave in various directions in search of Marinette. The whole of Paris starts to hunt her down!

17 **EXT. OUTSIDE SCHOOL - DAY**

What Ladybug can't see...
...is Alya stepping out of the school with the other students — and not following them.

143 ALYA
(to herself)
I know where to find Marinette for sure, sooner or later!

Alya heads towards the building where Marinette lives.

18 **EXT. ROOF / NEAR CITY HALL - DAY**

Cat Noir meets Ladybug on the roof.

144 CAT NOIR
We have to find Marinette Dupain Cheng, m'Lady! And quick, before they all swoop down on her!

145 LADYBUG
The safest and fastest way would be to defeat Hoaxer!

146 CAT NOIR
But how can we capture her? She's everywhere and nowhere at the same time!

Ladybug thinks.

147 LADYBUG
Let's capture someone with an Alliance and take their ring to study how it works!

19 **EXT. STREET NEAR CITY HALL - DAY**

Agent Roger lifts the lid of a trash can and looks inside.

148 ROGER
Marinette Dupain Cheng?

Ladybug's yo-yo wraps itself around his waist and drags the policeman up in the air.

20 **EXT. ROOF - NEAR CITY HALL - DAY**

Cat Noir removes Agent Roger's ring while Ladybug keeps him tied up. His eyes return to their normal color, a sign that he's no longer under Hoaxer's influence.

149 ROGER
Ladybug? Cat Noir? What happened?

150 CAT NOIR
You were the victim of an akumatized supervillain. But don't worry, we'll sort this out.

Ladybug frees agent Roger from her yo-yo.

151 LADYBUG
(to Cat Noir)
So you just need to remove the ring to escape Hoaxer's influence.

152 CAT NOIR
Good to know, but... We're not supposed to take <u>everyone</u>'s rings off, are we!?

153 LADYBUG
We need to get Hoaxer to come out of a ring and reveal herself. But how?

21 **<u>EXT. PARIS / VARIOUS - DAY</u>**

All around Paris, a suspicious-looking Hoaxer appears on every single Alliance ring.

154 HOAXER
Stop everything, dear followers! I can feel that one of you has removed their ring...

She understands what happened.

155 HOAXER (CONT'D)
Or rather... Ladybug and Cat Noir have attacked them and stolen it!

She creates a fake story illustrated by an illusion.

156 HOAXER (CONT'D)
Revelation! Ladybug and Cat Noir come from the planet Saturn, and fart bubbles that destroy the ozone layer! They're hiding on a roof near City Hall! Save the planet, my followers! Catch Ladybug and Cat Noir! And bring me back their Miraculous!

Her troops head towards City Hall.

157 CROWD (AD LIB)
Save the Earth! / Catch Ladybug and Cat Noir! / But cover your noses first!

22 **INT. MONARCH'S LAIR**

In his lair, Monarch is satisfied. Amused, he turns to the caged kwamis.

158 MONARCH
Your guardian will have a difficult time escaping all of these revelations! Hahahahah!

23 **EXT. ROOF - NEAR CITY HALL - DAY**

The Parisians, manipulated by Hoaxer, storm the stairs of the building Ladybug and Cat Noir are perched on; they climb up the facade, they helicopter in...

159 CAT NOIR
Revelation, m'Lady: Hoaxer is connected to all the Alliance rings!

Ladybug looks at Agent Roger's ring between her fingers.

160 LADYBUG
That's how she located us!

She gives Agent Roger his ring back.

161 LADYBUG (CONT'D)
(to Roger)
Do not put it back on under any circumstances!

Ladybug and Cat Noir flee the Parisians who chase them even on the roof. Roger protects them from the first assailants.

162 AGENT ROGER
In the name of the law, stay where you are!

24 **EXT. OTHER ROOF - DAY**

Ladybug and Cat Noir get to a roof where, making the most of a moment's respite, Ladybug invokes her super-power.

163 LADYBUG
Lucky Charm!

She gets... A sewing machine! She understands something, and makes up an excuse to leave without Cat Noir!

164 LADYBUG (CONT'D)
I have an idea, but I need some very special items. I'll go grab them! In the meantime, create a diversion!

165 CAT NOIR
No problem! I'm great at diverting a new audience!

While Ladybug escapes, Cat Noir goes down into the street to lure their assailants away.

166 CAT NOIR (CONT'D)
Over here! Who wants some exclusive info on the super Ladybug and her Kittycat?

25 **INT. MARINETTE'S ROOM - DAY**

Ladybug gets to the roof of Marinette's building. She makes sure no one sees her, and she enters the room... where she finds a sewing machine that's identical to the Lucky Charm!

167 LADYBUG
(to herself)
Ok, according to the Lucky Charm, the solution is supposed to be here... But what is it?

Ladybug vision: she can't spot anything.

Suddenly, Alya jumps on her back to grab her earrings.

168 ALYA
Hahah! I'm going to have the bomb scoop for Hoaxer!

Alya was waiting in ambush in the room! But Ladybug breaks free and subdues her friend with her yo-yo.

Ladybug understands why she had to come here. Alya appears highlighted. Ladybug removes her Alliance and breaks it. Alya comes to her senses.

169 ALYA (CONT'D)
What's goin--?

Ladybug immediately puts her hand over Alya's mouth and takes her away to prevent them from being traced.

26 **EXT. ROOFS - DAY**

They take refuge on the rooftops.

170 LADYBUG
Spots off!

Ladybug de-transforms, grabs Tikki in the palm of her hand and starts taking off her earrings.

171 ALYA
Hey! What are you doing?

She hands them to Alya.

172 MARINETTE
I need Scarabella to set a trap for Hoaxer!

27 **EXT. STREET / INT. AGRESTE MANSION - DAY**

Cat Noir seems to have been captured by the mesmerized Parisians.

173 CAT NOIR
Let go of me!

Hoaxer physically comes out of one of the Alliance rings and heads towards the captive Cat Noir. She's going to take his Miraculous...

Monarch exults.

174 MONARCH
Well done Hoaxer, Cat Noir's Miraculous is a good start.

28 **INT. NATHALIE'S ROOM - DAY**

What Monarch doesn't know is that, with his attention now otherwise engaged, Hoaxer takes the opportunity to send an illusion to the Alliance of Nathalie, who's working in bed.

175 HOAXER
Revelation! Gabriel Agreste is an alien who hid his flying saucer under the pyramid of the Louvre. He must have other secrets hidden inside his house! Without ever letting him see you, you will use your smartphone — NOT your Alliance — to deliver them to me! And then you will erase any trace of that transmission. Save the world, dear follower! Reveal Gabriel Agreste’s secrets to me!

We start a **cross-cut montage** between what's happening between the superheroes and the supervillains, and Nathalie using Emilie's old phone to take pictures of all of Gabriel's secrets.

29 **INT. GABRIEL'S STUDY - DAY**

Nathalie begins with the secrets of Gabriel's past: A photo of the family French fry shop. - An old ID card showing his real name: Gabi Grassette. - A photo of Gabriel making his pal Harry Clown try on the French fry costume he made for him. - A photo of young Gabriel, Emilie, Audrey and Andre partying in a garret, bohemian-style.

- A photo of Nathalie, Gabriel and Emilie celebrating finding the Miraculous of the Peacock.

30 **EXT. STREET - DAY**

Meanwhile, Cat Noir struggles against his assailants. After a fight scene that shows him easily gaining advantage, he engages Hoaxer. *

176 CAT NOIR
It's you and me now, Hoaxer!

To continue capturing Gabriel's attention, Hoaxer engages in the fight herself... by coming out of an Alliance ring.

Hoaxer materializes in front of Cat Noir.

177 HOAXER
Does this look like a tête-à-tête to you, pussy cat?

Indeed, she can count on the support of her host of followers.

INSERT ON Monarch.

178 MONARCH
Ladybug shouldn't be long now and all the Miraculous will be mine...

31 **INT. GABRIEL'S STUDY - DAY**

Meanwhile, Nathalie moves on to the secrets of Gabriel's present, kept in his safe: the contracts he signed with Tsurugi, the translated Grimoire, the chart of all the superhero secret identities that they had guessed before stealing the Miracle Box.

32 **EXT. STREET - DAY**

Meanwhile, Marinette turns up in the middle of the fight and speaks directly to Lila rather than Hoaxer.

179 MARINETTE
Lila! I'm the one you want! Here I am!

Cat Noir immediately wants to protect her.

180 CAT NOIR
No! What are you doing... *

INSERT ON - Monarch, paying close attention.

181 MONARCH
Be on your guard, Hoaxer...

BACK TO Cat Noir, about to step between them, when <BEEP> he gets one first text from Ladybug - or so he thinks. He reads it.

182 CAT NOIR
(to himself)
"Cat Noir, it's ok! She's going to help us trick Hoaxer."

But of course, Scarabella, hidden behind a chimney, is the one who sent him the text. We find her writing him a second one.

183 SCARABELLA
(to herself)
"I'm hiding. As soon as I catch her with my yo-yo, get ready to cataclysm her ring!"

<BEEP> Message sent.

33 **INT. CRYPT**

Meanwhile, Nathalie finishes with Gabriel's greatest secret. She goes down into the crypt and takes a picture of Emilie inside her glass bubble. And to finish, Emilie's wedding ring, now on her own finger.

34 **INT. NATHALIE'S ROOM - DAY**

Back in her room, Nathalie sends the photos in a text message, then erases any trace of it.

Then she goes back to work in bed, as if nothing had happened.

35 **EXT. STREET - DAY**

Back to Marinette facing Hoaxer, with Cat Noir in the background, ready to step in.

184 MARINETTE
You're right, Lila! I never liked you. I always thought you were a liar. But this has gone too far. I never wanted you to get akumatized. This has nothing to do with the people of Paris, or Ladybug and Cat Noir. You don't need to make everyone suffer because of me. If you want to talk, I'm ready to listen. Just you, and me.

Cat Noir is blown away by Marinette’s courage.

185 CAT NOIR
(to himself)
Wow! I love that girl!

Against all odds, instead of attacking Marinette, Hoaxer repents.

186 HOAXER
You're right, Marinette. I should have had the courage to do that, without resorting to super-powers given to me by a super-villain! I was desperate, but the fact that you're giving me another chance gives me hope!

To everyone's surprise, including Monarch, she rejects the Megakuma.

INSERT ON Monarch when she rejects the Megakuma. As always, it causes a shock that he has to take (see *Gang of Secrets*).

186A MONARCH *
Huh! No! *

RETURN TO the Megakuma which turns back into a harmless white butterfly. Of course, what no one knows is that she's lying, and that all this is part of her evil plan. She gives a faint, evil smile when no one's looking. * *

Scarabella throws the Lucky Charm that Ladybug created.

187 SCARABELLA
Miraculous Scarabella!

The people of Paris come to their senses. Hoaxer turns back into Lila.

Cat Noir, on his own still, sees the magical ladybugs roaming the city around him. He smiles, convinced that his Lady is somewhere.

188 CAT NOIR
Pound it, M'Lady!

At a distance from Lila and Cat Noir, Marinette, watching the scene, hides her smile when she sees Cat Noir addressing Ladybug.

Marinette (who knows where Scarabella is hiding) turns in her direction and winks at her.

189 MARINETTE
(to herself)
Pound it, Alya!

INSERT ON - Scarabella zooming away, like Rena Furtive!

36 **INT. MONARCH'S LAIR**

The iris closes. Monarch transforms back.

190 GABRIEL
Marinette Dupain Cheng, Marinette Dupain Cheng, it's always Marinette Dupain Cheng! You will pay for this!

37 **INT. SCHOOL / SCHOOLYARD - DAY**

Adrien and Marinette (wearing her earrings again) are sitting on some steps.

191 ADRIEN
I'm sorry, Marinette. I was wrong. I shouldn't have told you to wait to act against Lila. Lila. If you give the slightest opportunity to people like her, they will grasp it and can cause disasters in record time. And now you're the one who looks like a bad person.

She squeezes his hand.

192 MARINETTE
You thought you were doing the right thing. Just like with Chloe. That's another reason why I love you, Adrien. You always want to see the good in other people. But sometimes the good we think we see in some people is just a reflection of our own. And we end up being fooled by our own kindness. But we'll find a way to expose Lila eventually...

38 **INT. SCHOOL / CLASSROOM - DAY**

Lila and Chloe are standing in front of Miss Bustier's desk as she announces the results of the vote.

193 MISS BUSTIER
Here is the result of the vote. Unanimously elected: Lila and Chloe!

194 LILA
Thank you for giving me a chance.

She puts her hand on Chloe's shoulder.

195 LILA (CONT'D)
And for believing in second chances, like me!

Alya is delighted that Marinette voted for Lila.

196 ALYA
I told you she was a nice girl. She rejected her Megakuma! That's proof enough, right? I'm glad you decided to trust her.

197 MARINETTE
No, I decided to let her have her way so I can finally prove to you all who she really is.

Alya is impressed – and a little worried – by Marinette's determination.

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39 **INT. SCHOOL / LOCKER ROOM - DAY**

Lila retrieves her phone from her locker. She discovers the pictures Nathalie sent her.

198 LILA
Your secrets are mine. And soon, so will your Miraculous, Monarch!